

# **HOOD/WILLAMETTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **P.L. 106-393: SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000**

**May 4, 2016**

*Willamette Heritage Center, Dye House,  
1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, Oregon*

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** *Jackie Groce, Clackamas District Ranger  
Jenny Lippert, RAC Coordinator  
Jeff Parker, Lane County  
John Lindsey, Linn County  
Nancy Molina, Multnomah County  
Jeff Jaqua, Clackamas County  
Rick Ragan, Hood River  
John Boreden, Clackamas  
Melany , Lane County  
John Bounton, Clackamas County  
James Rusdill, MK  
Robert Roth, Clackamas Collaborative  
Lynn, Hood River  
Amber Sprinkle, RO  
Molly Juillerat, MF Deputy Ranger  
Terry Baker, MR District Ranger  
Stefanie Gatchell, SHRD*

#### ***Office of Inspector General Audit***

- *Did well and want to thank members for participating*
- *Review of operational and charter of the RAC a result of feedback about initial training being lacking*
- *Feedback that RAC members would like to see more field trips and follow-up with communication*

#### ***Review of Charter and Operational Guidelines***

- *\$35,000 Admin Fees for Hood-Willamette RAC*
- *Reimbursement for travel of RAC members is authorized*
- *Meeting quorum is any 8 members but voting quorum is 3 from each of the 3 groups*
- *In Federal Notice can convene by electronic means or phone as long as listed in the notice so as fair for public attendance*
- *How are RAC members chosen based on County and interest group to provide a rounded group to make recommendations*

- *Would be helpful to have have a one pager of where the money comes from and how it is spent*
- *Discussed the SRS Statute. Discussed how RAC members can influence the allocation of funds to Title 2. Need to figure out where in cycle Title 1,2,3 money to counties is being talked about at the commissioner's level*
- *John Lindsey, Linn- stated all title money expenditures are reported back to DFO for information on how the money was approved to be spent*
- *Suggestion is to have Charter and operational guidelines given to each new RAC member prior to their first meetings*
- *RAC members are supposed to take online ethics training- all in attendance had done so*
- *Any subcommittee meetings are to discuss recommendations and no decisions are made until the full RAC is meeting and voting for approvals of projects*

*Election of Chairperson for 2016- Deferred due to lack of voting quorum currently Dave Schmidt who is out of town*

#### *Review and Approval Process for 2016 RAC Recommendations*

##### *Discussion of 2016 RAC overhead rates-Deferred due to lack of a voting quorum*

- *Nancy felt like she didn't necessarily know all the discussion that had happened at each county level and being able to vote on the other counties she would follow their recommendations*
- *Process we rely on expertise in the room as far as project scope and what they are going to do with the funding. Rely on each county deciding what the priorities should be.*
- *By dividing it up by counties we lose the strength of the RAC because of the different interest groups such as Archaeology or Rec to really get in depth into the projects.*
- *John history when working with Congress to craft this process can't get a timber rep, so this money funds projects that the agency can't, so it works to preserve things such as Fish Lake Depot. Example is Pacific Crest Trail which was constructed and not funded again, so the RAC was able to provide funding to clean it up and not create garbage dumps.*
- *Jeff- hopefully these projects have been reviewed by a SHIPO for approval- for whatever reason historical Arch aren't represented well.*
- *Would be great to let full RAC know when these subcommittee meetings are happening or at least call a member in that county to give your perspective on a project such as Fish Lake. "Hey I just want to let you know the historical significance of Fish Lake".*
- *Melany-Teaches leave no trace, passionate about clean up and be on the phone at the subcommittees to offer input and solutions to each one.*
- *Rick- I tried to read all of this last go round and couldn't get through it all. Assume all of these have been through all the approvals for internal and external projects.*
- *There is a justification form for external projects that needs to be filled out to find out if this is in line with the land base needs.*
- *Anyone or organization can propose because it is a public process.*
- *Any RAC member can ask a District Ranger if external projects will benefit federal lands.*
- *DFO accepts everything and the RAC screens the projects.*
- *Rick- if the project is on non-federal land will consultation still be required to implement the project? Whether NEPA or Cultural artifacts section???(ask Jackie)*

- *Nancy- Are all the outside projects completing the analysis prior to submittal and can this be a new requirement for the next round of proposals?*
- *Jenny-are we comfortable breaking up by county and she will inform them when each county will meet to discuss projects to greater RAC. All agreed to this approach.*

**11:45 p.m.    Lunch Break**

**Public Forum (10 min each)**

- *Molly McKnight and Rick Gruen- Dumpstoppers. Clackamas Co.-* *started with title 2 RAC funds. Saw too much dumping out in the woods and started this to address the problem. # goals: Clean up, Educate, and enforce county and state laws.*
- *Robert Roth- Clackamas Stewardship Partners, Clackamas Co.-* *restore Clackamas River- meetings for stakeholders to get together and discuss issues and go out on fieldtrips to identify projects that USFS can implement.*
  - *John- Clackamas County is on board with Stewardship contracting- aren't all timber counties opposed to that? Discussion about how the retained receipts from these are spent and that the collaborative does not receive any of that funding.*
- *Sarah Gruening and Joe Waksmundski-Northwest Youth Corps, Linn, Marion and Lane Co. Proposals*
  - *Provide job training and experience for youth ages 15-24*
  - *Provide teamwork and education which fits into the purpose of title 2 funds*
  - *Trail maintenance and getting work done to have safety standards met*
  - *Recruit in the communities that will be worked in to get them the best experience possible*
  - *Projected outcomes will provide significant support to trails*
  - *Jeff RAC- brought up concern again about shovel ready projects and is there SHIPPO for finding cultural sites on trails? On the project proposal it says N/A and trail work is a CE.*
  - *Sarah – trails and restoration projects have been identified with the same above mentioned goals except this would be an M-F crew. Jeff P- asked if the YTP kids will be able to participate and yes it would require a certain level of ability for this type of program.*

*Jared Weibright- McKenzie Watershed Council- Deer Creek Project- Lane Co.-* *Work to restore the habitat for fish recovery by placing wood in the river.*

- *Jeff- why is watershed sponsoring this work when on FS land, easier to get contractor through from watershed.*
- *Jeff P- what if this is approved and can't get money until later will this put off the project. Jared said that would be OK.*

*Cindy- Marion County-* *North Fork and Salmon Falls Parking enhancement project is repeat and board of commissioner's priority to get a number of improvements on this corridor for safety reasons. Jon- the recreational use has been increasing.*

**1:30 p.m.**      *Review Notebooks and Discuss Projects by County: Multnomah, Wasco, Hood River, Clackamas*

**2:00 p.m**      **Break**

**2:15 p.m**      *Discuss Projects by County: Marion , Douglas- has more money than is spent so could Lane- there may be \$88,000 more due to Lane County Sheriff giving back money, Linn- Spreadsheet is accurate, not specific projects*

**3:15 p.m**      *Discuss what's next*

- *Would like to have more discussion about projects to understand how it does get implemented on the ground.*
- *July 6<sup>th</sup> Salem BLM for next meeting- Possibility of conference call line to ensure quorum*
- *Bring people in on the phone for the actions that need to be taken by the RAC i.e. voting*
- *Hold RAC members accountable to RSVP- send e-mails with a reply due date*
- *Set dates ahead of time*

**3:20 p.m.**      *Adjourn*